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LB 611

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kremer. Senator Beutler. Is Senator Kremer around or Senator Beutler to take the amendments? Committee amendments. Here is Senator Kremer now. Senator Kremer, we are looking at the committee amendments on 611.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, 611, I will make one statement on it. It provides for another classification of roads which would provide for minimum maintenance. The committee amendments eliminate some of the redundant and potentially confusing provisions of the bill. They are technical in nature and that is all they do. So I do move for the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner, do you want to talk on the committee amendments? Senator Vickers, did you want to talk on the committee amendments? The motion before the House is the adoption of the committee amendments on LB 611. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Have you all voted on the adoption of the committee amendments? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Kahle, on the bill.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, Mr. President and members, LB 611 was introduced by me for the county officials and the purpose of LB 611 is to create an 8th classification of roads called "minimum maintenance", and the need for a minimum maintenance classification arises from the changing population pattern of a farmstead every section in the 1920s to a farmstead every perhaps fourth or fifth section today. The classification will help the counties better serve today's rural population by shifting more of the maintenance and construction funds to those roads that are considered the farm to market routes, school bus routes, mail routes, and the route to each rural residency and industry. Presently when a road is seldom used by the public, the county is required by law to maintain the road at the same level as a much used farm to market road. The classification will permit the counties to avoid abandonment by requiring the counties to maintain the roads but at a lower level. This classification is aimed at protecting the integrity of Nebraska's present road system. There are checks and